## BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12 SURVEY NO.: B-3976 AREA: Madison Square-Oliver Historic District MAGI NO.: 0439765712

ADDRESS: 1101 North Gay Street

CURRENT NAME:

BLOCK: 1164B LOT: 60

HEIGHT: 2

CONDITION: Good

USE: Offices

DESIGNATION:

LOT SIZE:

MATERIALS: Brick and Stone OWNER: Winifred P. Ashby

ADDRESS: 1113 W. Lanvale Street

ACCESSIBLE: Yes

LIBER/FOLIO: WA3820-546

HISTORIC NAME: Clifton Savings Bank

DATE: 1909

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: J. E. Laferty, architect STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE): Georgian Revival

## DESCRIPTION:

The Clifton Savings Bank is a triangular, two story brick commercial building erected in 1909 at the intersection of North Broadway, North Gay, and East Chase Streets in east Baltimore. The principal entrance is on the Gay Street or northwest elevation. The three corners of the building are flat and articulated by brick The walls are Flemish bond and a brick belt course at the second story sill level extends around the entire structure. A low stone-faced foundation is also visible on all elevations. The main facade has three bays with a central doorway framed by stone piers and surmounted by a pediment with a central scroll and anthemion. The first story windows flanking are round-arched and set within brick blind arches. The upper fan lights have simple radiating muntins. The lower window has plate glass flanked by narrow side lights. The sills are stone. The upper story windows are six over one with segmental arches and stone sills. The cornice is embellished by dentils and a recessed paneled corona. The roofline terminates in a solid brick parapet. The south elevation has two bays with arched windows on the first story. The east elevation has two similar bays with a side entrance in the northern arched bay.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

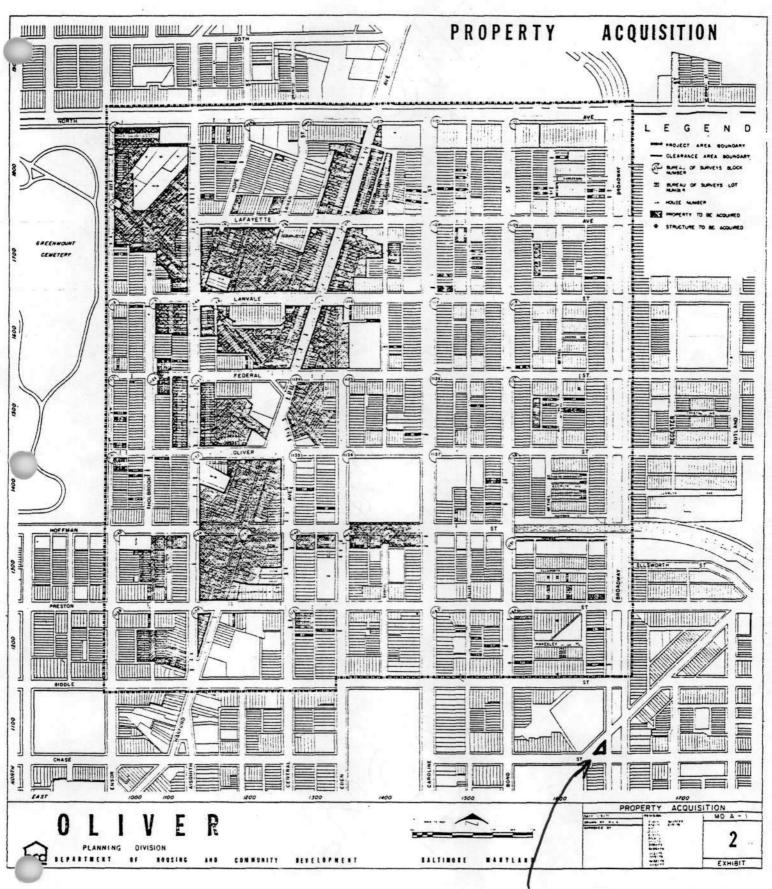
AREA: architecture

LEVEL: local

The Clifton Savings Bank is architecturally unique in the Oliver vicinity because of its triangular plan and Georgian Revival style. When it opened in 1909, the bank was noted for being the only bank in Baltimore which occupied an entire block. The architect, J.E. Laferty, was also the designer of several churches in the area and was a resident of the Oliver district for many years. The Clifton Savings Bank was founded in 1894 and was the smallest mutual savings bank in Baltimore when it was converted to a commercial trust in 1968. Its name was changed to Clifton Trust Bank at that time.

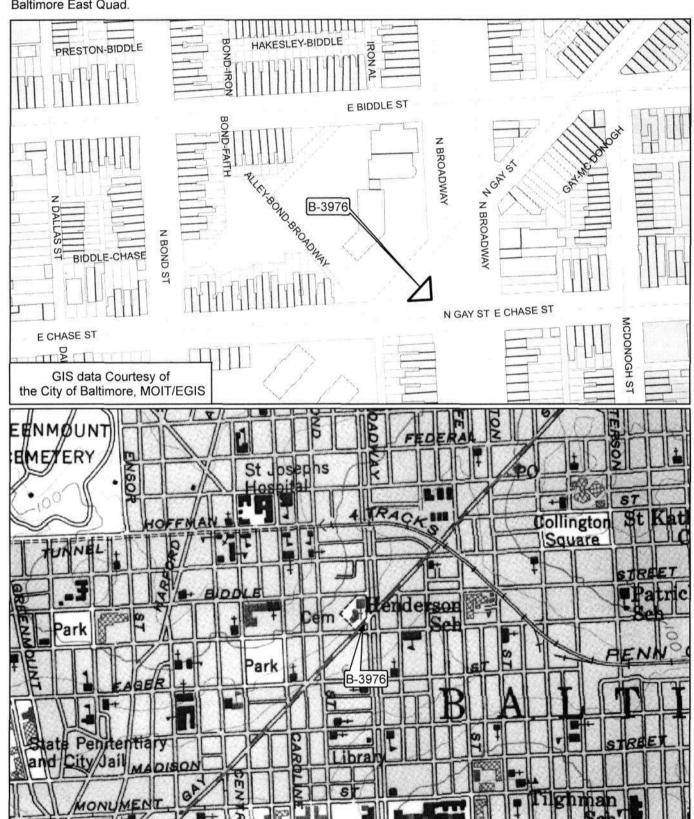
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